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FROM THE BRIDGE:

This is the time of the year when your Executive Committee finds itself most concerned with shaping the Squadron program for the coming months. To the extent that we are successful and to the extent the informal input of the membership is effective, the Squadron will prosper. In this exercise I feel like 'this is where I came in'. Before my retirement I was heavily involved in directing the efforts of a large organization in program planning and program evaluation. That is the major need of this Squadron at this stage of its metamorphosis.

To considerable degree the attainment of Power Squadron objectives is insured by the nature of ongoing implementing program elements. These are in the fields of education and civic services. Like all elements, however, they must be modified to our local operating conditions. The third program element and perhaps our greatest challenge lies in the realm of our activities as a fraternal boating club. Those who have become familiar with the theory and practice of service club operations agree that an important characteristic of successful operations is an enjoyable, stimulating and appropriate program. In short, our meetings and other events should meet the needs of our membership centered about an enjoyable 'climate' (having fun) and our interest in boats.

Now, how are we going to implement the attainment of this planning objective (decide what we are going to do and how)? We shall appoint a Program Planning Committee (of course).

Here is a chance for many of our newer members to get their feet wet and absorb some of the knowledge of the development of the Squadron to date from the older members. Before I start making appointments to this planning group I am asking anyone who would like to make a contribution (not money) to volunteer. Just give me a call. Since the planning will consider all functions of the Squadron any experience will be helpful. This rather makes all Squadron members eligible, since everyone could have something to contribute. May I hear from you please?

Lewis R. Garlick, AP - Commander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 13 AUG - Executive Committee Meeting
- 23 AUG - Salmon Barbecue
- 10 SEP - Regular Squadron Meeting
- 24 SEP - Executive Committee Meeting

NOTICE FROM USPS

Apprentice and Certificate holders will be charged a moderate fee per year which will go into effect when regular Squadron member dues are due. *(More about this later)*

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

FRED POPHAM was selected by the Executive Committee to be Administrative Officer filling the vacancy left when Fred Volz resigned the position.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Summer weather has finally arrived, but Fall Power Squadron courses are only about six weeks away, so it is time for each one of us to consider what part he is going to take in the Fall program. Are we going to teach, are we to be proctors, or are we to be students? Please let your wishes be known to members of the education Department. Remember that education is the primary function of USPS.

Our Public Boating Course will be starting on September 16 under the Chairmanship of Victor Dauer, whose boating skills have been sharpened by the Dauers' recent trip to Alaska aboard their *ALVIC*. If you would like to help, let Victor know and if you have friends who would benefit by taking the course, urge them to attend.

Past Commander Ralph Rich will be continuing the Junior Navigation course starting in September. Hopefully his students have been successful in shooting all the required sights; if not, there is still plenty of time to get them before class resumes.

Our efforts to streamline the Advanced Piloting Course were unsuccessful as we attempted to present too much material in too short a time. As a result, none of the students received a passing grade. Most of them realize that more preparation is needed and Course Chairman, Dave Seaman will reconvene the class in September. Many consider AP the most difficult of all USPS courses--also, the most valuable.

The Seamanship and Piloting courses have been combined and will be taught as one course, but at least for the coming year, there will be separate examinations for the separate subjects. Fred Hoepfner and Archie Merrifield, Piloting and Seamanship chairmen, respectively, will review the plan and a decision on when it will be offered will be announced at a later date. Those who have passed one and not the other will take only the exam for the one they have not previously passed.

We ask those who are interested in taking any of the Elective Courses to let us know which courses they would like to take in the Fall and which they would prefer after the first of the year, so that we may make plans to accommodate as many as possible.

This summer many of us have seen boats in embarrassing and dangerous situations. Many of these would not have come about had the skipper devoted part of his winter to a USPS course. Let's start now to prepare for next summer's enjoyment on the waters.

John Freytag, [N] - SEO

SALMON BARBECUE 23 AUGUST

For Squadron members and guests at Archie Merrifield's, 240 Blue Heron Lane (*same as in previous years*). Happy Hour 1400 (2 PM), dinner at 1500 (3 PM). BRING YOUR OWN EATING UTENSILS. \$5.00 per person for LOTS of salmon. Each couple to bring either salad or dessert. Parking space is limited, so carpools are encouraged. Reservations are required in order for the Committee to get a head count. Make checks payable to Jim Henshaw and please get them to Jim at 2108 Golf Course Road, Friday Harbor before August 20.

The Salmon Barbecues are real fun affairs, be there and enjoy yourselves.



PROFILE

FRED and CAREY POPHAM moved to the Island 3 years ago from Oxnard, California. Fred retired in 1970 after 35 years with the Adjutant General's Office in California, most of that time in Sacramento. While there Fred was a member of the Coast Guard Auxillary, Pilots Assn., and the Sacramento Power Squadron. After retiring, Fred and Carey became live-aboards for 6 years on a 50' Northwest Trawler, the M.V. PASTIME. They cruised the West Coast to Panama where they stayed a year and after 9 transits of the Canal, they followed the mainland coast through the Caribbean and ended up in Florida. There the boat was sold and they delivered it to Annapolis for the new owners. At the present time the Pophams are boat-less, but not for long.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Do you know someone that would make a good member of Friday Harbor Power Squadron? If so, get a proposal form from Walter Earp and have your friend fill it out and return to Walt. You should inform the prospective member that within two years he will have to go through the Orientation Program and take Piloting or earn a Merit Mark. *(Be sure to read the article on Page 10 of the August ENSIGN)*

For some time we have been wondering if there would be any interest in a "FOR SALE" and "WANTED" section in the HARBOR LIGHTS. It would only be for marine oriented items and it might be an opportunity to get some no longer needed item out of the garage and into the hands of someone that can use it. Let us know what you think of the idea.

POSITION OPEN:

No monetary remuneration involved, but much personal satisfaction in being active in Squadron affairs and doing your part for the organization. The present Editor of HARBOR LIGHTS has held the job for nearly two years and feels that the time has come for a replacement. For more information, call KEN TYLER - 378-2672.

The Pledge

"I do solemnly pledge myself...to promote and perpetuate...high standards of navigation and seamanship;

"To abide by the Constitution and By-Laws...of the United States Power Squadrons...and of any District or Squadron...of which I may be a member;

"To co-operate with agencies...of the United States of America and all governmental authority...charged with the enforcement of laws...and regulations relating to navigation;

"To maintain and operate my boat legally...and in a manner...that will not cause damage...or discomfort to others;

"To render assistance, whenever possible...to anyone afloat...who is disabled or in distress;

"And at all times to conduct myself...in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect...to the organization whose Ensign...I am privileged to fly."